

Frankford Arsenal, Building 249
Northwest corner of Hagner Road and Eakin Street
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Location: Northwest corner of Hagner Road and Eakin Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: ca. 1941

Significance: Building 249 is associated with the expansion of Frankford Arsenal,
during World War II.

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HISTORY

Building 249 was built as a tracer composition storehouse in 1941 and enlarged in 1943. It was most recently used for loading medium caliber projectile.

DESCRIPTION

Building 249 is a stuccoed frame, one-story building on a concrete foundation, measuring approximately 18 feet by 18 feet. It has a gable roof covered with interlocking asbestos shingles topped with ventilator, two nine-light windows in the south facade, and two metal sash doors in the east and west facades. On the north side, attached to a reinforced concrete barrier wall, one-foot thick and approximately 15 feet high, is a one-story stuccoed frame addition with shed roof and metal sash doors on the east and west sides. The interior has three narrow rooms with concrete floors covered with sparkproof covering and plastered walls and ceiling. A concrete barrier wall, approximately 2 feet thick and 15 feet high, stands approximately 17 feet east of the building.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, (1979).

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